

Amendments to the Specification

Under the Title, Before Paragraph [0001], Add the Section Heading as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Replace Paragraph [0001] with the following Amended Paragraph:

[0001] The invention ~~is~~ relates to a method to act upon at least two recipients of a pneumatic system in an alternating manner, for example a massage system of a motor vehicle seat, with a pressure medium flow. In addition, the invention relates to a pneumatic circuit to execute this method.

In Between Paragraphs [0001] and [0002], Delete the Section Heading as follows:

~~Prior Art~~

In Between Paragraphs [0006] and [0007], Add the Section Heading as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Replace Paragraph [0008] with the following Amended Paragraph:

[0008] The objective is attained with the method in accordance with the invention or by the pneumatic circuit in accordance with the invention ~~with the features of Claim 1 or Claim 10.~~

In Between Paragraphs [0008] and [0009], Delete the Section Heading as follows:

~~Advantages of the Invention~~

Replace Paragraph [00010] with the following Amended Paragraph:

[00010] Advantageous improvements and further developments of the method disclosed in Claim 1 or the pneumatic circuit of the invention described in Claim 10 are possible as a result of the measures and features listed in the other claims.

In Between Paragraphs [00025] and [00026], Replace the Section Heading as follows:

~~Drawings~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In Between Paragraphs [00031] and [00032], Replace the Section Heading as follows:

~~Description of the Exemplary Embodiments~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Replace Paragraph [00039] with the following Amended Paragraph:

[00039] Fig. 2 shows an exemplary embodiment of a pneumatic circuit in accordance with the invention, in which the actuator 36 is a pneumatic actuator. The pneumatic circuit depicted in Fig. 2 shows an actuator 36, which connects the pressure side 20 of the feed pump 22 to a first output channel 38 and at the same time a second output channel 40 to the suction side 18 of the feed pump 22. A control valve 34 is connected in series to the actuator 36 on the pressure side of the feed pump ~~2022~~. The output channel 38 of the actuator 36 is connected to the recipient 10 via connecting means 42. The connecting means 42 features a constrictor 44 among other things, which can be used to adjust the flow through the connecting means 42 in a desired manner. Branching off from the connecting means 42 between the actuator 36 and the recipient 10 is another connecting means 46, which leads to a reservoir 52 via a time-lag element 48, which is realized by a constrictor 50 in the present exemplary embodiment. The reservoir can be emptied via a reflux valve 54 and the connecting means 46. The reservoir 52 is in turn coupled with the actuator 36 via a device 56 using pressure technology.

Replace Paragraph [00051] with the following Amended Paragraph:

[00051] In the exemplary embodiment in Fig. 4, three recipients 10, 11, and 12 are each connected to an actuator 100, 102 or 104 via corresponding connecting means 94, 96 and 98. The actuators, which, e.g., can be pneumatic actuators in accordance with the exemplary embodiment in Fig. 2, connect (in their settings depicted in Fig. 4) the recipients 10, 11, and 12 to the suction side 18 of a feed pump 22. In this case, the actuators in Fig. 4 are depicted in such a way that all three recipients 10, 11, and 12 are being simultaneously emptied via the feed pump 22. An alternative switching of the actuators is naturally also possible in which, e.g., a specific number of recipients are actively emptied, while another number of recipients present are simultaneously acted upon by the working fluid via the feed pump. The actuators of the pneumatic circuit in accordance with the invention, of which only three are depicted as an example in Fig. 4, can be switched to one other synchronously or asynchronously via corresponding switching programs. In this way, it is possible to realize different massage programs with a constant number of recipients in the pneumatic system. In the exemplary embodiment in Fig. 4, the recipients 10, 11, and 12 are connected to the pressure side 20 of the feed pump via the change of the actuators into their second possible position so that the working medium fluid is pumped into the recipients in the second setting of the actuators ~~10, 11 or 12~~100, 102 or 104. The pressure side of the feed pump may also feature a storage recipient 106 in this connection, which is filled with the working medium via the feed pump and can pass the working fluid on to the recipients connected to the pressure side of the feed pump via a corresponding valve element.